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Resident Assistants face challenging year *Changes in program have sparked discontent, confusion among some RAs*

—by Heather Hagan—

Due to the restructuring that took place over the summer, the Student Development office has had a somewhat hectic first semester. A number of changes and new policies have been implemented, some of which have been sources of frustration for the residence life staff.

Some Resident Assistants have expressed dissatisfaction with the way the RA program is currently being run. One concern voiced by several RAs relates to the heavy emphasis on RA programming this semester. RAs are required to implement two programs during the course of the year – one program within their hall and one campus-wide program. However, in addition to these two programs, the Student Development staff is strongly encouraging RAs to conduct additional programming in their halls.

Justin 2nd East RA Tara Hairston stated, "We were told when we were hired that we were going to have to do two programs a year. But the Student Development office knew at the end of last year that they were going to have to hire a new residence life director and step up the programming on campus. Why didn't they tell us this then?" Justin 1st West RA Melinda Burdan added that RAs are some of the most active students on campus and their free time is at a premium.

"I thought I knew what I was getting into when I applied for this job," Burdan

commented. "I had figured out how much time it was going to take out of my life and I thought I would be able to balance it with all my other activities. But suddenly being an RA is taking up much more of my time than I had originally been told it would."

Newly hired Director of Residence Life Christine Zerbst responded by saying that RAs are not being required to perform duties beyond what they have always been expected to do. "We are holding them to what they were originally told," she stated. "We are simply trying to encourage them to step up the programming on campus. They are at the front line and they know what the residents want better than we do."

Another source of contention has been the perception among some RAs that they are not being adequately backed up by the student development staff and the administration. This issue came to light earlier this month when e-mail correspondence circulated among the faculty regarding the alcohol problem on campus. Some RAs felt as though they were being blamed for the situation and were being told they were not adequately enforcing the alcohol policy. RAs such as Hairston and Burdan felt that they were not properly supported by the Student



JUSTIN WEST RAs Megan Taylor, Melinda Burdan and Maura Giles greet new freshman on moving-in day. Photo courtesy of Phase yearbook.

Development staff during this time.

However, Vice President for Student Development Stacey Lazenby stated that she and her staff did support the RAs on this issue. "I told the faculty that it was more our fault for not training the RAs as well as we could have," she stated. "With the changes that went on this summer and with Christine and I both being new to our positions, the RA training was not as strong as it had been in the past."

Justin 3rd West RA Megan Taylor suggested that perhaps the problem lies not with the RAs' enforcement of the policy, but with the policy itself. "I think that the real problem lies in the higher levels of administration," she stated. "I have never agreed with the alcohol policy and that is the root of a lot of our problems."

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Merlini RA David Banks also pointed out that many of the RAs are still unclear on the policy and the recent changes it has undergone, especially as those changes relate to the new apartments. "How are we supposed to enforce the rules if they aren't made clear to us?" he asked.

Despite these frustrations, both the RAs and the Student Development staff remain confident that these challenges can be worked out. Taylor stated, "I think Christine is doing a great job and has responded well to all of our requests and suggestions." Zerbst added, "We have a good staff and they work hard. We just need to get through this year and do the best we can."

Education majors develop enrichment program for area youth

—by Maia Kingman—

Since September, more than thirty elementary school-aged children have been spending their Saturdays at Saint Joseph's College exploring arts and crafts from around the world, studying animals and the natural sciences, and writing their own adventure stories. These students are the first to enroll in the Saint Joe Academy, an academic enrichment program for local students, developed by SJC Elementary Education majors.

The Saint Joe Academy is the result of a challenge issued by SJC Education Chair Jen Barce. Barce suggested to her students that the Rensselaer community was in need of a Saturday learning program like Purdue's Super Saturday program. A number of students took up this challenge and developed lesson plans for elementary and middle school aged children that would enhance school classes and be fun for the students.

Tim Clark, one of the students who developed the Academy, says it is important to him to engage the students in

learning activities that are fun. "Often you see kids who are not very excited about school," he says. "We're trying to give those kids learning opportunities that are fun. When they're having fun, it's ten times more fun for us."

Clark explains that the Academy instructors use the students' experiences as a way to direct the classes. For example, when students in the reading and writing program told the instructors that they had little experience with computers in school, the instructors found ways to incorporate computer usage into the class. "We like to tie lessons in with their lives, and with what they are learning in their classes at school," says Clark. And because they are having fun, he says, "sometimes the kids don't even know they're learning."

Response from parents has been good. "One mother told me that her son, who doesn't look forward to school, can't wait to go to Academy classes," Clark says. Barce notes that the experience is good for her students as well. "These students spend a lot of time in their classes

developing lesson plans that they don't always get to use, because they have to go along with the plans of the field teacher. The Saint Joe Academy gives these students the opportunity to develop and implement their own plans."

The recent series of Saint Joe Academy classes ended October 28. The students plan to host Saint Joe Academy classes in the future and have already developed ideas about how the program might grow. They hope to initiate collaborations with other community groups, for instance. They would also like to develop a need-based scholarship so that those students for whom the thirty dollar charge is a problem have a chance to participate. In the meantime, Saint Joseph's Elementary Education majors will have the Academy



SAINT JOE ACADEMY worker Heather Heide helps Ingrid Barce with her painting. Photo courtesy of the SJC Education Club.

kids in mind as they design lesson plans in their coursework, and the Academy students will take the spirit of fun back with them into their schools

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2000

As the 2000 election quickly approaches, it is time for us to make a decision and cast a vote. However, with our hectic schedules, many of us have not had time to learn about the candidates and what they stand for. *The Observer* would like to present you with a 2000 Election Guide to help you learn about the major issues and the candidates' stances on those issues. The *Observer* staff reminds you to cast your vote November 7!



AL
GORE

EDUCATION

- Supports national education standards, mandatory testing for new teachers and merit pay for teachers.
- Opposes using federal tax dollars to provide schools, but favors providing more public school choices.
- Calls for a 10 year, \$115 billion education trust fund.
- Backs a tax-deductible education account in which employers and parents can invest up to \$2500 a year.
- Supports reducing class size by hiring one million new teachers over 10 years.

ABORTION

- Has pledged to uphold the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court ruling legalizing abortion but would not condition Supreme Court appointments on the issue.
- Would back a proposed ban on so called "partial birth abortions" with exceptions for the health of the mother.
- Supports the FDA's approval of the RU-486 abortion pill.
- Supports Medicaid funding for abortion, opposes the ban on federal funds for overseas health clinics that advocate abortion and backs abortion access for U.S. service women serving abroad.

TAXES

- Calls for about \$500 billion in tax cuts over 10 years targeting the middle class.
- Favors eliminating the marriage penalty for families receiving the Earned Income Tax Credit and reducing the marriage deduction in general by raising the standard deduction.
- Would set aside entire estimated Social Security surplus to protect the program.
- Wants \$432 billion from the surplus to protect Medicare and fund prescription drug benefits.
- Supports the current child credit of \$500 and backs raising the threshold for child tax credit eligibility.
- Backs a retirement savings plan for low and middle-income families without employer plans.

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—your turn— Who do you plan to vote for and why?

"I've decided to vote for Al Gore based on the following information: First, Gore seems to be more intelligent than Bush. Second, Gore is a more experienced politician. Finally, Gore has a better grasp of the issues, and is completely confident in the stances he takes."

- Eric Hall, Freshman

"I'll vote for George W. Bush because he promises to keep schools under the control of their states, and not the federal government; because his plan to privatize some of social security is something I have favored all my life; because I cannot vote for a party that includes abortion in its platform."

- Robert Garrity, English Professor

"I already voted by absentee ballot and I voted for Gore. Throughout the debates, I felt Bush was a manipulative liar. He constantly interrupted Gore and wouldn't listen to him. I think Gore will do a great job and is a president for all Americans, not just the elite white males."

- Heidi Wieland, Senior

"I am voting for Bush because the Clinton/Gore administration has accomplished nothing during the past eight years. George Bush will lead this country. Bush will lower taxes for everyone (like he did in Texas) and he will reform education and the military. It's about time we see some positive action in D.C."

- Luke Hansen, Freshman

"I will vote for Gore, because the economy is stable and we do not need a change plus his policy on education is better."

- Bob Spsychalski, Senior

I am voting for Bush for several reasons. First, I agree with his position on abortion. Bush has also stated that education is a matter for the state government. As a daughter of two teachers, I appreciate that education in Indiana will be left to those who know it best - Hoosiers."

- Blaire Henley, Junior

"I am going to vote for Al Gore mostly because I agree with his views on affecting the educational system in America and his views on gun control. I also think that George Bush is too right-wing deep down. I want to vote independent just to take a stance against the two political party system but i will vote for Gore."

- Missy Davis, Freshman

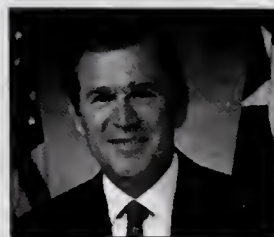
"I'm not voting because of the electoral college. If my vote doesn't count, why vote?"

- Dustin Burkett, Freshman

"I am not voting because I have not been following the debates. I feel you should not vote if you do not know how the candidate stands on important issues."

- Amanda Schmicker, Junior

GEORGE
W.
BUSH



EDUCATION

- Backs school accountability through a testing program administered by individual states.
- Favors siphoning funds from public schools with inadequate performance to pay for vouchers for alternatives, such as private and religious schools.
- Calls for a \$5 billion reading program aimed at universal literacy by the third grade.
- Backs \$3 billion in loan guarantees for new charter schools.
- Supports tax deductible education saving accounts.
- Wants a \$1 billion dollar increase in Pell
- Grants for students taking advanced placement courses in high school.

ABORTION

- Opposes abortion except in the cases of rape, incest or threat to the life of the mother.
- Would not make the issue a litmus test for Supreme Court appointees. He has also said he does not believe the country would support an all out ban on the procedure.
- Supports a ban on partial birth control. Backs limitations on availability such as parental notification, waiting periods and the "gag rule" that bars clinics from offering information on abortion options.
- Opposes any taxpayer funding for abortions and supports the ban on money for overseas clinics that advocate abortion. Has voiced concern that RU-486 would
- increase the number of abortions, but would not seek to overturn its approval.

TAXES

- Calls for 1.3 billion dollars in across-the-board tax cuts over 10 years and simplifying income tax rates at all levels.
- Wants a repeal of the estate tax by 2009 and a reduction of the marriage penalty.
- Would set aside entire estimated Social Security surplus to protect the program.
- Supports doubling the child tax credit to \$1,000.
- Supports tax incentives for charitable donations.
- Has promised no new taxes.

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Staff Editorial

It seems that when it comes to the Presidential Elections there are those who know exactly who they are voting for and those who could care less. Why is that? Many say that their "vote doesn't count" or that the elections do not affect them one way or another. However it does matter. Our vote is important for several reasons. Whoever is elected will be making several important decisions that will not only affect you, but everyone in one way or another. It is our job to elect someone who stands for issues that are for the good of all people. The actions that they make during the next four years will possibly affect the next person who is elected president. Although it is not necessary to follow every Presidential debate, it is a good idea to at least know who is running and what they stand for.

Little Sibs Weekend adds new twist to old favorite

Haunted House in basement of Justin adds extra thrills and chills to weekend

— By Beth Bly —

This past weekend you may have noticed an unusual number of tiny people walking around the cafeteria. No, there was not a sudden multiplication of those extra short freshmen... and no, it was not the basketball team. These little people were the younger siblings of Saint Joe students.

Beginning Friday evening and continuing until Sunday afternoon, our little brothers and sisters enjoyed some select sights and sounds of college life. They slept in our dorm rooms, ate with us, and enjoyed many planned activities. The ages of these guests ranged from the very little ones just learning to talk to high school kids just about ready to come to college themselves.

After arriving on campus the siblings had to register for the events. For a small

fee ranging from \$14 to \$17 they received a bracelet allowing them admittance to meals and activities and a spooky tee shirt with a Halloween theme. Friday night it was up to the older siblings to entertain their smaller siblings and get them acquainted with the campus. Then on Saturday afternoon at noon, the football game took place with the recognition of their seniors. At 3p.m., there was a special viewing of "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle" in the Science Auditorium. However, the real amusement began early Saturday evening when professional magician, John Hopkins, put on an impressive magic show for the kids. Young siblings and Saint Joe students alike enthusiastically volunteered to assist with the show. Afterwards there was a pizza party for all those who attended.

Rushing back to their older brother and sister's dorm rooms, the little sibs

scrambled to change into their Halloween costumes for a night of trick-or-treating. SJC students could sign up their room as a candy stop for the night. Over thirty rooms from every dorm on campus opened their doors to the kids for an hour and a half that night. Many students put in visible effort to decorate their halls for Halloween.

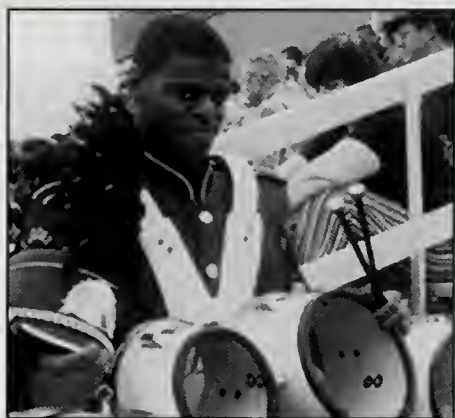
After the trick-or-treating was over the Student Union Board sponsored a haunted house in the basement of Justin. The line into the lower level circled all the way up the steps and into the first floor lobby. The wait was almost an hour for some guests — but it was well worth it.

Upon knocking three times on the entrance the kids and their older siblings were admitted into the underground passage. The haunted house began with a chilling hospital scene that included

spilled guts and a screaming patient. The following corridor included graffiti spelling out horrific threats and warnings. To end the night of fright there were screaming students dressed in black running around. Even a skeleton appeared and attacked the visitors.

Junior Jessica Barnard, took her two little cousins, ages 4 and 6, to the event. Unfortunately the scare proved to be too much for the little girls because the basement lights had to be turned on as they left in tears. Barnard said this of her cousins, "They promised to return next year as long as they didn't have to attend the haunted house!"

In fact, the whole weekend was unanimously proclaimed a success. All of the little sibs went home with smiling faces and a little taste of what life is like at Saint Joe.



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Full Coverage
of Kairos
&
Gallagher Charitable
Society



Second annual Busy Student Retreat provides relaxing spiritual getaway

— by Sharra Robertson —

The Busy Student Retreat was held this past week, starting on Sunday and ending on Wednesday. Several students attended and the overall outlook on the success of the retreat was positive.

Says Brother Tim Hemm, leader of the retreat, "It's my opinion that the retreat went rather well." As for the students, Travis Lechien, a freshman student agreed, "I thought that the retreat went really well. It was great to just go and talk to someone for a half-hour, about what was going on that day, and then about a scripture reading that I had found really interesting from the list of three that they gave us. We would then relate the reading to my life. The closing prayer service

on Wednesday night was my favorite part, because this was the only time besides the first day that we were together, and I thought I could see a difference in the way they looked at life and at the scriptures. I know that it changed my life, and my way of looking at the Bible, and the way the scriptures relate to my life."

Junior Tim Newman said of the retreat, "Anybody that says they don't have time for this retreat doesn't understand how little time it really takes and what you get out of it is worth a lot more than the time you put in." Congratulations to all that attended on the success of the retreat. The Campus Ministry team is planning another retreat to take place sometime this winter for anyone interested.



Above and right: The SJC Marching Band, working hard at practice. The Observer would like to say "CONGRATULATIONS" for a great season! You can catch the SJC Pep Band this winter at the home Men and Women's Basketball Games.

Alcohol Awareness Week educates, entertains SJC students

— by Nichole Workman —

Monday, October 23 through Saturday, October 28 was alcohol awareness week nationwide. Saint Joseph's College held an event each night of the week to promote this important part of the year.

Kicking off the week on Monday, BACCHUS held a presentation in the Shen auditorium at 8 p.m. BACCHUS stands for Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students. This organization was formed to help educate and inform students, faculty, staff and administrators about alcohol use, misuse and abuse. Their presentation was a "date rape play." It was shown in an attempt to educate freshman (who were required to attend) about the dan-

gers of date rape, especially on a college campus.

Tuesday SUB sponsored comedian Wendi Fox who shared her views and experiences on how alcohol abuse has gotten out of control in America. She comically spoke of her experiences in the subject and offered ideas on how to stop alcohol abuse.

Wednesday was the first day for the Faculty/Staff Auction inside the café during lunch and dinner. All proceeds were given to the Gallagher Charitable Society Christmas Party for Jasper County's underprivileged children. Wednesday was also Bowling Night Strike Zone bowling alley, right in town. The admission was only two dollars for shoes and those attended were allowed to bowl for as long as they wanted.

On Thursday MSU sponsored the "Night of Jazz"

in the ballroom. The whole campus was invited to enjoy the relaxing music. The performers traveled all the way to Saint Joe from Florida.

Lastly the Justin Hall RA's sponsored the events held on Friday and Saturday night. On Friday the RA's sponsored a Euchre and Spades Tournament that took place in the 2nd lounge at 8 pm. Then Saturday night Justin 3rd East sponsored a Halloween dance in the Ballroom from 10pm — 2am.

The week full of events to promote Alcohol Awareness proved to be fun as well as informative. Students who attended the activities had a good time and also helped spread the word about alcohol abuse.

A Whole New World:

One student shares her thoughts about her freshman year

—by Samantha Ma'Ayteh—

College is a big adjustment for most people. You are living on your own and have new responsibilities. You're trying to make new friends and be accepted by unfamiliar faces. This can be overwhelming, and hard to take in all at once.

I applied to Saint Joe in the spring of my senior year in high school. I had thoughts of coming here, but SJC was not my first choice. My heart was set on attending the University of Saint Francis in Joliet, IL. I received my acceptance letter from Saint Francis, along with a scholarship and a phone call of congratulations. As senior year quickly flew by, I became frightened. I wouldn't know anybody at the University, and that made me uneasy. In the meantime, SJC continued sending me letters and deadline reminders.

After some thought, I decided SJC would be a good college. My older sister Breain went there, and that would definitely please my parents. I would be with my sister and that was a big comfort for me.

That was then, and this is now. I am a freshman here now, trying to learn and adjust like everybody else. Saint Joe's environment has been very difficult for me to get accustomed to. Living in Chicago my whole life, I am used to noise, BIG crowds and lots of entertainment near my house. Rensselaer is a drastic change for me because it's a small town, but I'm going to stick around and see if it grows on me.

One thing that makes life easier here is my roommate. Before I met her, I wasn't sure what to expect. Everybody's heard roommate horror stories! "My roommate is a slob, rude, has no cares for personal hygiene, she's nosey, a nerd



photo courtesy of Bree Ma'Ayteh

Samantha Ma'Ayteh posing for her high school yearbook picture.

and she is just plain driving me nuts." Well, after hearing all of these wonderful things, I got kind of nervous and I wasn't too eager to meet her. I thought we wouldn't get along, that she would be some stuck up snob who thought she was high and mighty. I had this image of her and I was really hoping I would be wrong. Fortunately, I was!

Katie Hardiman is my roommate and best friend here at Saint Joe. The horror stories I have heard do not even come close to how we are. I feel completely comfortable around Katie and I can tell her anything. She is a caring, warm-hearted person. We don't argue over silly stuff like sharing food and the order of our room (it's usually a mess!). Some people hide their personal belongings- we leave ours out in the open. We trust each other. I got lucky to have a roommate who is also my friend. Katie has helped me a great deal in adjusting to life here

at Saint Joseph's College; she is always here for me.

There are also many other friends here who have helped me feel more at home. Without Dave, Czepe, Smeg, Mary, T, Mags, Stacie, Krawiec, Angelo, Moody, Miles, Rhett, Carrie, Stifler, Nick, Meg, Amanda, Kim, Liz, my sister Breain, and my good old friend Emilio I would be lost. We all have so much fun together. On Bandana Monday we all go to Dave and Czepe room and have a blast. The guys put their bandanas on and dance to 2Pac and then everyone gets their roll on. It's our way of taking a break from the books. Between Carrie and I's song and Angelo and Dave rapping, it's hard to leave at the end of the night. Bandana Monday is as sweet as "corn on the cob." (Inside joke.) No matter what we do, it's always fun. All of these people are special to me and I am proud to call them my friends.

I still get homesick a lot and miss my family, and friends back home, though. Sometimes I just want to go back to Chicago and stay there, but I know that I am here right now for a reason. It's the little things I miss that make me homesick. I miss coming home from school on the CTA Orange Line and going to Huck Finn Restaurant to meet my friends. I miss my mother's voice at night saying, "Goodnight Samantha!". I miss sneaking downstairs in my basement to have a cigarette and my mother telling me, "You better not be smoking down there!" I miss seeing my best friends Dan and Liz every single day and me and my sister Ryan staying up until 3:00 a.m. all the time. The small things are the ones that really get to me. College has definitely been a change for me. There is nobody to remind you to do your homework or wake you up in the morn-

ing for class. Starting all over again is hard. As a high school senior, you're at the top, and then when you go to college you have to work your way up from the bottom all over again. I like the independence, but sometimes I just miss life at home.

In regards to the College itself, it has great programs. My major is Elementary Education and I'm really enjoying it. The workload can be a bit overwhelming, but that's just how it is sometimes. I know that if I choose to stay here for four years, I will be getting a great education. The Education staff is dedicated and eager to teach their students.

Thus far, my overall experience at Saint Joseph's College has been pretty interesting. Whether I decide to stay here or leave, SJC has taught me how to deal with life. Things might not always go the way I plan, but that is no excuse to throw in the towel.



photo courtesy of Bree Ma'Ayteh

Ma'Ayteh (right) being attacked by her older sister Breain. Samantha is a freshman this year at Saint Joe.

CD REVIEW:

Radiohead's "Kid A" Not For New Listeners

—by Melissa Genova—

The British quintet Radiohead released their fourth album, *Kid A*, in October; it is the follow-up to their critically acclaimed album, *OK Computer*.

Kid A displays a unique use of traditional instruments and topped the Billboard Music Charts the first week it was released.

Kid A opens up with the hauntingly unique song "Everything in its Right Place." The steady beat of the song makes it comfortable to listen to whether at a party or just laying around the dorm. In fact, Radiohead composed the album almost as a long lullaby without the articulated and comforting words that a mother would sing. However, Thom Yorke's voice can be very soothing at times, especially on this album. The melodies

are not always well defined on *Kid A*; in "National Anthem" his voice serves as background music to the bassline and trumpets that form a demented Big Band style sound.

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Instead of sticking to the conventional instrument lineup of a rock band, Radiohead decided to experiment with different types of instruments and synthesized effects. "Treefingers" is an ethereal instrumental that is created entirely

by synthesized melodies.

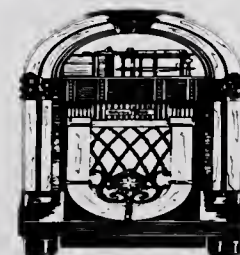
"Optimistic" is the most radio-friendly track on the album. It's sound is closely related to that of the previous album, *OK Computer*. Each track on the album makes a comfortable transition from the preceding one.

Kid A is not listener-friendly to someone who is not familiar with their genre of music. Radiohead failed to weave in repetitive, catchy melodies that will attract a mainstream audience. Some listeners may complain that Thom Yorke did not articulate on the album, but I had no problem understanding what he was singing. The songs probably won't stick in your head all day so that you start singing aloud in Core 5, but the songs on the album are definitely memorable and wonderful.

Kid A is the first of two Radiohead

albums that the band planned to release in a 12 month period. The next one promises to have a more familiar sounding tracklist.

Radiohead's new sound has transcended above their previous musical experiments and albums. *Kid A* is unconventional in nearly every form that is associated with the popular music of today, but it makes for an interesting listen. It can be enjoyed in almost every atmosphere because of its futuristic synthesizers, orchestrated poems, and alternative roots.





Puma Profile: A Closer Look at David Banks

College Democrats president works to get out the vote at SJC

by Heather Hagan

In a time when political apathy among young people is low and getting lower by the minute, it may seem that politics does not have a place at Saint Joseph's College. David Banks disagrees.

With the help of a small group of fellow students, Banks took the initiative to start a chapter of the College Democrats at SJC this year. Along with being president of this organization, he is also involved in a number of other activities on campus and juggles what is often a very hectic schedule.

Banks is a junior political science major from St. Louis, Missouri. He originally came to SJC to participate on the forensics team. However, at the end of his freshman year, the communications department and the administration elected to do away with the forensics program. Although he was disappointed by this decision, Banks chose to remain at SJC.

During his time here, he has become involved in a number of campus activities and organizations. This year, he is an RA in Merlini, on the board of MSU and is a tutor. He decided to become an RA because of the leadership experience that it would give him – experience that has carried over into his other activities.

"I thought it would be a good experience and would give me a chance to help people out in the same way that being a tutor has. I saw it as an extension of that," Banks stated.

This desire to help people is also one of the reasons why Banks is so politically active. He was a key figure

in helping to get the College Democrats organized on campus this semester. Prior to this year, no student political organizations existed at SJC. This year saw the formation of both the College Democrats and the College Republican organizations on campus. Banks originally started out as treasurer of the club, but was appointed to his current position after the organization's president resigned.

As president of the College Democrats, Banks has been involved in campaigning for state and local candidates as well as attempting to educate SJC students on the political process and the various candidates in this election.

He stated that the goal of the College Democrats is "to help support Democrats in the area and promote awareness of politics overall. It doesn't matter what side you're on – your vote still counts."

However, the side Banks is on is most assuredly the Left side. His liberal beliefs run deep and are rooted in the way he was raised and the values that he holds.

"The Democrat party embodies the beliefs and values that I was raised on," Banks said. "I believe there is a need for change in our

society and I feel the government should play an active role in helping its citizens."

In addition to his work with the College Democrats, Banks has politically involved off campus as well. He has spent the last two summers working Washington, D.C. for various government agencies.

After leaving Saint Joseph's, Banks hopes to parlay his knowledge of politics into a successful law career. He plans to attend law school on the East Coast and establish a practice there, as well. To help prepare

"It doesn't matter what side you're on - your vote still counts."

- David Banks



photo courtesy of David Banks

David Banks poses in front of the White House Gates. Banks has spent the last two summers working in Washington D.C.

for this experience, he is currently interning for an attorney in Lafayette. He stated that he has wanted to be a lawyer since he was in the sixth grade. "Up until the fifth grade, I wanted to be an architect," he commented. "But then I started to not like math and science as much. After that, I just knew I wanted to be a lawyer." With the foundation of political knowledge and experience Banks has established during his time at SJC, it seems that he is well on his way toward attaining this goal.

At the Movies with Don:

Get in Touch with Laughs While You "Meet the Parents"

by Don Shanahan

Ben Stiller must be cursed. Tom Hanks doesn't get laughed at and picked on in his romantic comedies. Neither does old school Cary Grant. Every time Ben Stiller loves some dreamy girl, he turns into a walking disaster and the butt of a thousand jokes. In happens every time, whether as a braces-wearing geek (*There's Something About Mary*), the love-struck Jewish rabbi (*Keeping the Faith*), or now as a male nurse in *Meet the Parents*, his latest romantic comedy.

Does the audience mind that he can never get things right until the end? Not at all! Ben Stiller is king of playing the normal dude we all know. They guy who's constantly unlucky with women and who is a little off his game. Ben Stiller is the man at playing earnest and everybody loves to watch him screw up. If you thought his last romances were hard, wait until Robert De Niro gets a hold of him.

Meet the Parents stars Ben Stiller as Chicago male nurse Greg Focker (yes, you pronounced it correctly) who goes home with his steady girl and prospective fiancé, Pam (newcomer Teri Polo), to meet her

parents on the weekend of her older sister's wedding. Waiting at home are Jack and Dina Byrnes (Robert De Niro and Blythe Danner), the seemingly sweet-as-can-be future in-laws. What Greg doesn't know is that Jack is a strict and super-suspicious retired operative of the CIA.

What starts as an honest first impression turns into a weekend-long interrogation and test for Greg. He is constantly seen as not good enough for Pam, no less because of the disastrous and hilarious accidents he gets himself into—losing his bag and clothes at the airport, smashing a volleyball strike right into the nose of the sister bride, and an truly gross incident with cremated ashes, just to name a few. There's also the ex-fiancé of Pam that Greg never knew about, the perfect young millionaire Kevin (Owen Wilson of *Shanghai Noon* and *The Haunting*). All the while, Jack has his eye on Greg's every move.

As I said before, Ben Stiller has done this sort of thing before and he does it well every time. His character is in over his head with De Niro and you'll love every minute of it. Robert De Niro himself is really showing a new comedic side to his acting with *Meet*

the Parents and last year's *Analyze This*. It's almost surreal seeing Robert smiling and getting laughs. I'm so used to seeing him cuss and beat the crap out of people.

The whole movie has a great blend of comedy and cuteness thanks to director Jay Roach, the man behind the camera on the *Austin Powers* series. The same cuddly laughs you get from the overly horny Austin Powers you get from the overly willing to please Greg Focker. *Meet the Parents* is a great date movie for those couples out there and a great pick if you're in the mood for comedy. You too will find yourself comparing your parents and your in-laws to those in *Meet the Parents*. Whether you come out relieved that you don't come home to Robert De Niro or terrified that your in-law is just like him, you'll still come out laughing.

If you're up for good music, more movie news, and fun, tune into "Monsters After Hours" every Tuesday night on 90.5 WPUM and join hosts Eric Schneider and Eric Seidel. I have the great privilege of visiting these two Gallagher legends every week for "Don at the Movies," where movies are discussed, gossip is told, and no holds are barred. Tune in sometime!

CHECK THIS OUT!! This spring and summer, the Indiana College Network's (ICN) new class catalog lists over 1,400 courses available through the Internet, videotape, satellite/cable television, CD-ROM and correspondence. Distance education classes offer students flexibility, enabling them to enroll in classes that might not otherwise fit into their on-campus course schedules. Students should work with their academic advisors to determine what courses can be applied to their on-campus degree programs. These classes are equivalent to on-campus courses at participating institutions--Ball State University, Indiana State University, Indiana University, Ivy Tech State College, Purdue University, University of Southern Indiana, Vincennes University and the Independent Colleges of Indiana. Start planning now--contact the ICN Student Services Center to request a free copy of ICN's spring/summer class catalog, register for classes or obtain information about financial aid and career development. The ICN Student Services Center can be reached at 1.800.426.8899 and info@icn.org. Information is also available on our Web site, www.icn.org.

SJC Football Overtakes Valparaiso on Senior Day, 34-23

—by Anthony Cavaiani—

Saturday at Alumni Field was a special afternoon. Not only was it senior day for the twelve senior Puma football players, but a real team victory that fueled the team to get their second win of the season by defeating Valparaiso 34-23 was the spotlight of the afternoon. Superb defensive play by SJC (which forced eight Valpo turnovers) and consistent play by the offense was what won it for the Pumas. For the first time all year both occurred at the same time, and the result was a victory.

The scoring got underway at the 4:43 mark of the first quarter as Valpo's Adam Hudak kicked a 43-yard field goal to give the Crusaders' the early lead, 3-0.

Later, with only 43 seconds elapsed in the second quarter, Pumas' senior running back Rickey McCray scored on a 4 yard run after SJC put together a 5 play, 76 yard drive that lasted 5:25 to give SJC a 7-3 lead. Then, with only 39 seconds remaining in the half, Valpo's Chris Anderson caught a 5-yard touchdown reception from Jeff Aspito to give the Crusaders the halftime lead, 10-7.

In the second half SJC scored when freshman quarterback Lewis Scott rushed into the end zone from 3 yards out not even two minutes into the third quarter, after the Puma defense forced a Valpo turnover deep in Crusader territory. Then only 1:08 later did the SJC defense force another turnover, this inside the Valpo ten-yard line. Two plays later senior fullback Desmond Fletcher bulled his way into the end zone to give the Pumas a commanding 21-10 lead. However, later in the quarter Valpo would use a 5 play, 75-yard drive that only took 1:31 to orchestrate a Ryan Barno 30 yard touchdown catch from



Puma football players celebrate their victory over Valparaiso

Aspito to cut the Puma lead to 21-17. The Pumas answered as sophomore quarterback Justin Slais took off on into the end zone on a 37-yard keeper to extend the lead for the Pumas to 28-17.

Early in the fourth quarter, however, the Crusaders would answer. With SJC driving and the ball on the Crusaders' 30 yard line, defensive back Ron Brogle intercepted a Slais pass and quickly raced it 70 yards down the sideline for the score to cut the SJC lead down once again, 28-23. After SJC was forced to punt, Valpo took it on their own 25-yard line. After a five-yard run by Aspito and then an incomplete pass by Aspito, sophomore safety Mike Eagen picked off Aspito's next attempt and took it 38 yards for the touchdown, and put SJC up for good 34-23.

The game was a very exciting one filled with suspense as SJC mounted drive after drive for scores, and the Pu-

mas defense consistently forced turnovers. "The team fed off of each other," says senior outside linebacker Andy Elsener, "one big play led to another."

Aspito had 31 yards rushing on 12 carries and threw for 113 yards on 7 for 15 attempts and 2 touchdowns, but threw 4 interceptions to lead the Valpo offense.

Slais led the Puma offense as he rushed for 73 yards on 17 carries and scored a touchdown. McCray had 6 yards on 10 carries and a touchdown as well.

Defensively for SJC senior linebacker Tim Flagg had 8 tackles, one interception, and a pass deflection. Freshman Jamin Davis had three sacks for 20 yards to lead the defense. Sophomore Rico Epps and freshman Marty Starks, and Eagen all had an interception as well for SJC in the big Senior Day win.

A Tribute to the Senior Football Players

—by Anthony Cavaiani—

This year's senior class was, as outside linebackers Andy Elsener and Todd Roberts put it, "a hard working group; very close-knit, like a family". When asked what the most memorable game was that they were in on at Alumni Field, opinions varied. Middle linebacker Tim Flagg said it was when SJC battled Wayne State their sophomore year (1998) and eventually won the game in four overtimes.

Elsener agreed, "Yeah, that was a big game. Plus we were 7-4 that year and had a lot of guys step up; and we didn't have many injuries like this year."

Roberts, who suffered a season ending injury to his hand in the fourth week of the season this year, said his most memorable game was the Valpo game last

year, though SJC lost, because of the family and friends he had in attendance there.

The class consists of twelve seniors: six offensive players- wider receiver Varon Cantrell, fullbacks Darius Barker and Fletcher, McCray, and tight ends Adam Reissner and Matt Wagner; and six defensive players- Elsener, safety Montell Pace, Roberts, Flagg, defensive tackle Keenan Massey, and defensive end Gil Murillo.

Of the twelve of them, three have already been lost for the season. Pace, a hard-hitting safety who played cornerback last season, was injured in the preseason scrimmage against Saint Francis (Ft. Wayne) as he injured his shoulder and arm. Massey, a presence in the middle of the defensive line, was

injured in the second game of the season versus Saint Francis (Illinois) as he broke his fibula and tore several ligaments in his ankle. Finally, Roberts, a speedy and hard-hitting outside linebacker broke his wrist in a practice during the fourth week of the season. These injuries were key, as all occurred to the defense and has forced young players to step up.

This class has contributed a lot to what SJC is trying to accomplish. With their leadership vital in a season which has not seen it's fair share of wins, what they have done for the younger players will show in the future. The team thanks the seniors for a great career and a great season.

Sports Editorial

THE INSIDE CORNER

New York, New York

—by Erik Steffen—

Well the World Series is over, the Yankee's have won, surprise surprise. I was kind of disappointed though, not with the quality of the games, but with the fact that New Yorker's didn't riot and destroy themselves. That would have made the subway series seem a little worth while.

As far as the quality of the competition went, I was happy. Each game was a one or a two run game going into the last few innings, and each team had a chance to win. I'm going to say this now: The Yankee's didn't win the series, the Met's lost it.

Let me correct that: Jay Payton lost it for the Mets. Who was it in the first game that didn't hustle around the bases on a double that easily scores the Met's centerfielder and leadoff hitter known for his speed? Jay Payton. Who was it that bobbled a single in center allowing for the runner to get to second and for another run to score in game 2? Payton. What were the scores of those games? The Yankee's won each of them by one run.

Payton's been acting like a jackass this whole World Series. First, he tries to start a fight against the easily 6'4", over 200 lb Cardinal pitcher Dave Veras (Payton is no taller than 5'11), clearing both benches for no reason. Payton later said in an interview that he wouldn't do anything. He wasted 10 minutes of my life. I was trying to watch the series, but I had to watch him stare down Veras. I want those 10 minutes back, Payton.

I'm not going to beef anymore on how much I hate the Yankee's. I do have to give some props to Dave Justice, though, for being one of the most clutch playoff baseball players in recent memory. He hit the home run that won it for the Braves in 1995, was clutch for the Indians after that, and was among the tops in RBI's for the Yankee's in this series.

Now baseball is over and football is around the midway point. I'll be honest with you, I haven't been following it like I should, but here are some comments: The Vikings are good while the Falcons aren't.

While I see football as nothing more than an excessive amount of testosterone manifested into a sport, I'm not going to comment on it much, because I want to be able to walk by Seifert at night. Now is the time to sit back and wait for college hoops to start, which besides for the fall classic, is the most exciting sports time of the year.

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Lady Puma Volleyball perseveres through tough season

—by Don Shanahan—

Perseverance is something that cannot be coached or taught. It's the fortitude inside a strong person that makes you stick with something to the very end, through good and bad. In athletics, a disappointing season can take that fortitude and perseverance right out of an athlete.

In spite of this, you cannot make that assumption for the Lady Puma volleyball team. Every week, they bust their tails to get better and get a win. So, when you see their 9-17 (1-13 conference) record, it doesn't tell the whole story and it doesn't make excuses. You win some and you lost some. It is as simple as that.

After playing solid 7-3 ball earlier in Septmebr, the Lady Pumas dropped five straight to open their GLVC season, losing to Wisconsin-Parkside, Lewis University, Indianapolis, and national #12 Northern Kentucky, and non conference opponent St. Xavier. Even with two close five game matches in that stretch, the GLVC teams seemed to have the team's number.

The Xavier loss dropped the team under .500. In the loss, senior Traci Wall had 14 kills and freshman Beth Lipinski pulled out a 12 digs.

After losing five games straight, the

Lady Pumas got one back defeated Kentucky Wesleyan in four games. Sophomores Jill Ryan, Katie King, and Julie Ryan carried the team through with 13 kills, 50 assists, and 7 blocks, respectively.

That win came with a costly price later that week, as senior captain Traci Wall was lost for the season after a nasty ankle injury during a practice. Traci suffered an eversion ankle sprain with possible ligament tears as well. The severity of this injury indefinitely ended the season and career for the senior.

After losing Traci, the winning track lasted just one game as the Lady Pumas lost a heartbreaker next to Bellarmine in five tough games. After games of 15-8, 7-15, 14-16, 15-13, 12-15, Jill Ryan again took care of the action with 16 digs and 14 kills.

During the entire season, one loss seemed to cripple the Lady Pumas and unfortunately start a streak out of it. After the close Bellarmine loss, three more losses followed when IPFW, Southern Indiana, and SIU-Edwardsville defeated the Lady Pumas, each time in four games. In the losing efforts, Jill Ryan led the team in kills (16) and digs (19) against Southern Indiana while senior Katie Carroll put up 13 kills and 20 digs against SIU-Edwardsville.

After another tough, the team finally

got a big win by beating St. Xavier, the #19 team in NAIA, in five thrilling games (15-7, 15-8, 13-15, 14-16, 15-11). Jill Ryan again was a volleyball serial killer slashing her way to 26 kills. Katie Carroll had shovels for arms with her 31 digs while Beth Lipinski denied

Xaiver with four "Get outta here!" blocks.

Just like earlier in the season, the trouble came in following up a victory. Soon enough over two weekends, the Lady Pumas lost their next five matches to opponents Missouri-St. Louis, Quincy, IPFW, Lewis, and Wisconsin-Parkside. Against Mizzou, Katie Carroll led the way with 16 kills and 4 blocks. At Quincy, IPFW, and Lewis, it was Jill Ryan taking care of the scoring with 20, 8, and 15 kills in those three games. Finally, the freshman duo of Walker and Lipinski sparked the attack against Wisconsin-Parkside with 10 kills and 14 digs.

As of press time, the Lady Puma volleyball team had four games left in their



The SJC volleyball team hard at work during practice

season. After starting on the road at Cornerstone University, the team finishes with a three game homestand facing Huntington College on November 1, Northern Kentucky on November 3, and Indianapolis on November 4. The Indianapolis game will be "Senior Day" where the teams three senior member, Nancy Giovingo, Traci Wall, and Katie Carroll, will be honored for their four years of hard work and teamwork. Please come out and support the team at home in their last few games this year and thank those hard working seniors for their dedication and athleticism.

Coach's Corner: A Talk With Lady Puma Soccer Coach Camie Bechtold



Coach Camie Bechtold

—by Don Shanahan—

Welcome to the fourth edition of "Coach's Corner." The fall sports are wearing down, but not without a little post-season excitement. Head Women's Soccer Coach Camie Bechtold has steered the Lady Puma soccer team into the GLVC Tournament in hopes of making some conference waves.

Camie is in her second year as head coach of women's soccer and has been with SJC since 1997. She is a 1996 graduate of fellow GLVC school Quincy University where she is a soccer legend. Camie is the all-time Quincy career point scorer and assist leader and holds the game, season, and career goal scoring records. She has been named to many All-Region, All-GLVC, Final Four All-Tournament teams and was the NCAA Division II Female Athlete of the Year in 1994.

At SJC, Camie has worn many hats including work in the career services department and as a volunteer assistant

coach for women's soccer and women's softball. Camie's official title is that of Associate Athletic Director, a position she has held since November of 1999. Here's a little more about Camie Bechtold.

Q. For those who do not know, what does an Associate Athletic Director take care of?

A. The Associate Director Athletics assists the AD in almost every aspect of running the Athletic department. In particular, I oversee NCAA Compliance and assist with fundraising and game management duties.

Q. As an incredibly successful former player, what personal skills do you pass down to your current players?

A. I hope that I give them encouragement to be the best player they can be as well as the best student they can be. I strive to teach my players about respect, commitment and dedication.

Q. Rob Burns, a previous guest for "Coach's Corner," named you as a person he gets advice from as a new coach. As a young coach yourself, what kind of things do you tell him?

A. The first year on the job is really tough. There is a lot to learn to learn and there are a lot of people counting on you. Rob and I have a great working relationship, and feel comfortable talking about everyday things. The beauty of it is that we learn from each other.

Q. As a decorated alum and record-holder of GLVC rival Quincy University, what's it like going back as a coach on a different team? Is it a sentimental or sa-

vored victory defeating your old team?

A. Both! I would consider myself a very competitive person so I love to defeat Quincy. However, that program taught me a lot about soccer and life. I hold it very close to my heart. The coach, Doc Postiglione, and I are great friends. We chat often during the season and he still helps mentor me along in my young career. When we play Quincy, whether we win or lose, it is very special to me!

Q. What's your favorite movie and why?

A. I like "Silence of the Lambs" and "Usual Suspects" because they both keep you guessing. As an English major, I wonder how the writers of movies like these come up with the stuff they do. I also must mention the little known "Prince of Tides". This movie is a sentimental favorite because it is about relationships and chance meetings. It reminds me that everything happens for a reason—good and bad.

Q. How do you "vent" off the field after a stressful day or a loss? Is there something you do or a place you go?

A. I usually like to escape to a quiet place like my apartment. It gives me time to think and reflect.

Q. Even as a faculty member, you're a cafeteria regular. What are some of your favorite Sauto menu dishes?

A. I just love listening to the Menu Hotline everyday. Steve does a great job!

Q. In the locker room, what do you tell your team after a loss? after a win?

A. This is a tough question. I can't say it would be the same in any situation. Sometimes you win, but you don't play well and other times you play well and give a great

effort, but still don't come out on top.

Q. How much of an odd change of pace was it to coach softball for an interim period last year?

A. It was great, except for the bus ride to and from Florida (ha!) It was certainly challenging and I felt like I grew as a coach from this experience. The team was great! I still see and chat with the players often.

Q. What's the biggest thing that draws you to soccer?

A. I grew up playing soccer and I think it is a great sport. I think the teamwork that goes into the sport makes it very special. The soccer world also has a lot of great people involved in it. The people who taught me the game inspire me to spread the knowledge and love of the game.

Q. What's your least favorite thing about your work? Is there something stressful or time-consuming that you hate to do or deal with?

A. Ok, you have to realize my bosses are probably reading this! Seriously, I really can't say that there are any negative parts of my job. Some days are better than others are, but that's life. I really do enjoy what I do.

Q. What is your proudest moment so far in your career as a coach?

A. So far, it was watching the first senior class I worked with graduate, and watching all my players grow into mature, responsible adults. I like to believe that the SJC soccer program has a little to do with it!

...?Did You Know?...

fast facts

- Most lipstick contains fish scales
- No piece of square dry paper can be folded more than 7times in half
 - Over 2500 left handed people a year are killed from using products made for right handed people
- If you counted 24 hours a day, it would take 31.688 years to reach one trillion
- Taphephobia is the fear of being buried alive
- Clinophobia is the fear of beds
- A 'jiffy' is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second
- The average life span of a major league baseball is 5-7 pitches
- The only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating a letter is "uncopyrightable"
- The world's termites outweigh the world's humans 10 to 1
- The electric chair was invented by a dentist
 - Windmills always turn counter-clockwise. Except for the windmills in Ireland!
- The placement of a donkey's eyes in its' heads enables it to see all four feet at all times
- Ancient Egyptians slept on pillows made of stone
- A hippo can open its mouth wide enough to fit a 4 foot tall child inside
- A hummingbird weighs less than a penny
- Until 1796, there was a state in the United States called Franklin. Today it's known as Tennessee!
 - A cockroach can live several weeks with its head cut off - it dies from starvation
- The average person has over 1,460 dreams a year
- You're born with 300 bones, but when you get to be an adult, you only have 206

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Word Play

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ce•phalic *adj.*- 1 of the head or skull 2 in, on, near, or toward the head

en•jamb•ment *n.*- the running on of a sentence from one line to the next of a poem

ir•ra•di•ate *vt.*- 1 to shine upon; light up 2 to radiate

pis•ca•to•rail *adj.*-of fishes, fishermen or fishing

taci•turn *adj.*- almost always silent; not liking to talk

~November Holidays~

- 1-Play a Game of Chess Day
- 7-Election Day
- 10-Marine Corps Day
- 11-Veteran's Day
- 23-Thanksgiving Day
- 27-Dec 26-Ramadan



Nature's Cure

The natural beauty of fall
Descending on us all
Because of the fragrances
Become sweet romances

Falling into a crazy place
Known as a small grace
Divide the love
Coming from above.

Avoiding the cold
Even some behold
The small trinkets
Of leaves caught in nets

Portraying a picture
Of awe and wonder
Colors of beauty
As some ponder

Rushing for some care
Even though trees are
The only thing bare
Fall is in the air.

~Tim Hayes

The Act of Love

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*an act of love
sometimes it is hard to say
what we think
from day to day
what we feel
and what we do
telling someone 'i love you'
what we take for granted
others do not
we as youth portray
their image*

*how much they give up
we do not know
they do it all
to watch us grow
we grow in strength,
intellect and knowledge
they hope
we all go to college
college so we can debate
college so we can create
ideas and memories equally a
part
of this beautiful form of art*

*this art
of which i have spoken i
s the art of love
this art of love
we do not know
we will learn it as we grow*

~Nicholas Schafer

"You can't take
a picture of thinkin."

~The philosopher
Wally (age 5)

Faith

(A Kairos Prayer for all of those who participated in Kairos XXIX)

To believe in things unseen.
To trust those unseen powers.
To know what is right even when it seems wrong.
To know that things will turn out in the end even when all hope seems lost.
To endure all of life's trials and become a better person because of them

Puma Entertainment Quick Picks

by Donald Shanahan

Movies at theaters November 3rd

Charlie's Angels- Y2K update of the classic 70's TV series of foxy secret agents. Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore, and Lucy Liu are your new angels, while Bill Murray co-stars as the trustworthy Bosley.
The Legend of Bagger Vance- From director Robert Redford, Matt Damon is a WWI veteran and golf pro who gains back his swing and his personal life from the help of a mystical caddy (Will Smith).

Movies at theaters November 10th

Red Planet- Val Kilmer, Carrie-Anne Moss, Tom Sizemore, and Benjamin Bratt are stranded astronauts on Mars after the first manned mission ends in disaster.

Little Nicky- The annual Adam Sandler laugh-a-thon. This time Sandler is the son of Satan (Harvey Keitel) who's fallen for an Earth girl, played by Patricia Arquette.

Video and DVD available November 7th

Mission: Impossible 2- Superagent Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) must save the world from a deadly virus and a rogue agent (Dougray Scott) while bagging the girl (Thandie Newton) in this smash hit sequel from action director John Woo (*Face/Off*).

Titan A.E.- Space adventure of the last citizens of Earth after it is destroyed combining traditional and computer animation. Matt Damon, Drew Barrymore, and Bill Pullman

provide the voices of your heroes.

Video and DVD available November 14th

The Perfect Storm- Heroic true account of a 1991 Massachusetts fishing steamer stranded in the worst and largest storm of the 20th century. George Clooney and Mark Wahlberg headline this summer blockbuster from the director of *Air Force One*.

Big Momma's House- Martin Lawrence stars as an FBI agent undercover as a 400lb southern grandma watching Nia Long.

Boys and Girls- Freddie Prinze, Jr., Clara Forlani, and American Pie's Jason Biggs star in this college romantic comedy of ups and downs.

Price of Glory- Former boxer Jimmy Smits pushes to see his

dream fulfilled with his three sons.
Hamlet- The Shakespearean play gets a contemporary 2000 setting and adaptation. Ethan Hawke is Hamlet and Julia Stiles is Ophelia.

CD releases for November 7th

R. Kelly: *TP-2.com*
Fatboy Slim: *Halfway Between the Gutter and the Stars*
Alan Jackson: *When Somebody Loves You*

Blink-182: *The Mark, Tom & Travis Show (The Enema Strikes Back)*

Vince Gill: Things That Matter

CD releases for November 14th

Marilyn Manson: *Holy Wood (In the Shadow of the Valley of Death)*
Ricky Martin: *Sound Loaded*
The Offspring: *Conspiracy of One*